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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [0018] of the specification (on page 4 of the specification) as follows:

In one of its aspects the invention provides a circular litter [0018] container comprising: (a) a sidewall; (b) a scoop holder mounted on said sidewall for travel in a direction of travel around said sidewall; (c) a scoop; (d) a mounting mechanism for removably mounting said scoop on said scoop holder; (e) said mounting mechanism comprising cooperating mounting means on said scoop and said scoop holder for said scoop to have an operating position in which said scoop is oriented at a first angle relative to said direction of travel in which said scoop may be rotated through litter in said container while minimizing formation of a wave of litter piled in front of said scoop; (f) said cooperating mounting means including a guide such that as said scoop is removed from said scoop holder, the orientation of said scoop is redirected to a second angle nearer to the horizontal then said first angle, whereby to help retain collected waste on said scoop; (g) said container having a bottom and said scoop holder including a scraper bar mounted to scrape said bottom as said scoop holder is rotated in said container.